REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 18 have been amended. Claims 2, 22 and 44 have been cancelled. Claims 10 – 17 and 32 – 39 are withdrawn. Hence, claims 1, 3 – 9, 18 – 21, 23 - 31 and 40 – 43 are pending in the Application.

SUMMARY OF REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS

Claim 1

Claim 1, recites:

> a database server causing a tablespace to be transported from a first file system to a second file system; and
>
> after transporting said tablespace to said second file system, said database server importing said tablespace into a local database managed by said database server.

Claim 1 recites a database server that transports a tablespace between file systems, where it is imported into the local database. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the database server is a separate and distinct entity from a number of elements and entities in the claim. The database server is expressly separate and distinct from the computing element (e.g. computer, server blade). Furthermore, the database server is separate and distinct from the operating system under which the database server runs, and the database server's code is separate from the operating system. Finally, claim 1 further requires that the tablespace be transported pursuant to executing database server code. Thus, the database server itself automatically transports the tablespace. Provisioning a database using a tablespace transported in this way is not disclosed or in any way suggested by Bridge.

It is important to note that what is being claimed is not simply transferring a tablespace between computers, but a database server, pursuant to execution of its code, transferring the tablespace. Bridge does not teach this feature. Bridge does teach

transferring a tablespace. However, in Bridge a user copies the files "to a place accessible to the target database." Presumably, the user copies the files by manually invoking standard file transfer utilities, such as operating system commands or FTP. However, it does not follow that a database server, separate from a computing element on which it runs and from the operating system that controls it, is transporting the tablespace. This way of automatically transferring the tablespace is not disclosed or suggested in any way by the cited art.

Based on the foregoing, Bridge fails to teach at least some features of claim 1, and therefore fails to teach all the features of claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 18

Claim 18 recites a database server transporting a file between file systems. For reasons similar to those discussed with respect to claim 18, the cited art fails to suggest in any way much less disclose this feature of claim 18.

Based on the foregoing, claim 18 is patentable. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 18 is respectfully requested.

Remaining Pending Claims

The pending claims not discussed so far are dependant claims that depend on an independent claim that is discussed above. Because each of the dependant claims include the limitations of claims upon which they depend, the dependant claims are patentable for at least those reasons the claims upon which the dependant claims depend are patentable. Removal of the rejections with respect to the dependant claims and allowance of the dependant claims is respectfully requested. In addition, the dependent claims introduce

additional limitations that independently render them patentable. Due to the fundamental difference already identified, a separate discussion of those limitations is not included at this time.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable over the art of record, including the art cited but not applied. Accordingly, allowance of all claims is hereby respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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